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**TO:** United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Attention: Examiner Mitra Aryanpour-Group Art- Unit 3711  
Washington, DC 20231

**Re:** United States Patent Application  
Title: Game Ball With Improved Moisture Resistance  
Inventor(s): Brian Feeney and Chris Waldeck  
Our Ref: SPALD/216/US - (S/N 09/248,595)

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Serial No. 09/248,595

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For: GAME BALL WITH IMPROVED MOISTURE RESISTANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Examiner Interview in the above-identified application.

( ) A small entity statement was previously submitted in this application.  
( ) A small entity statement is enclosed.  
(X) A filing fee for extra claims does not appear required.  
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants thank Supervisory Examiner Jeanette Chapman and Examiner Mitra Aryanpour for the opportunity to discuss the application at the telephone interview on January 27, 2000. While the Examiners' remarks are well taken, Applicants believe the claims proposed by the Examiners are unduly limiting. Therefore, Applicants withdraw all proposed claims faxed to the Examiner so that the claim amendment status and claim language will be that existing after entry of Applicants' Response to Office Action dated November 17, 1999. Applicants respectfully request that Examiner Aryanpour issue the next Office Action appropriate with these claims.

If the Examiner has questions concerning this Response she is invited to discuss the matter with Applicants's representative via a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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